

**Question for written answer P-008855/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Kati Piri (S&D) and Agnes Jongerius (S&D)

Subject: Monitoring of the situation of North Koreans working in Poland

On 18 November 2016, Members of the European Parliament Kati Piri and Agnes Jongerius received answers to Written Question P-006692/2016 tabled on 5 September 2016. The answers require some clarification, and the Commission is therefore asked to answer the following questions.

In its answer, the Commission states that the Polish authorities have been contacted about the reports in the media and the miserable working conditions of North Korean workers. The authorities were aware of the reports. It is the responsibility of the Polish authorities to ensure that the prohibition of forced labour and the rules on working conditions are enforced. The Commission monitors this application and if breaches of Union law by Poland or other Member States are identified, the Commission will launch infringement procedures.

In connection with this monitoring:

1. How does the Commission perform monitoring, and how is it ascertained that the guarantees designed to enforce the prohibition of forced labour and to enforce the rules on working conditions are inadequate?
2. What means does the Commission have at its disposal for this, and do the methods used result in public reports which can be communicated to the European Parliament?
3. What would be a reasonable period during which to monitor this situation before the Commission can decide to launch infringement proceedings?